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Applicant : Christian Braeuer et al  
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**ELECTION & AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed March 1, 2006, please receive into the record of the above application the applicant's Election of Species and Amendment.

**ELECTION**

The applicant elects the species consisting of Linking A for examination at this time.

Claims 3 and 5 are considered to be readable on that species.

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.